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## **Governor Waives Penalties, Interest for Taxpayers Affected by Flooding, Severe Weather**

### *Waiver to help victims of flooding in 4 Counties*

Gov. JB Pritzker announced today that individuals and businesses devastated by severe weather and flooding that began in Mid-May, may request waivers of penalties and interest on state taxes if they cannot file their returns or make payments on time. Those impacted in the 4 counties declared a disaster are eligible to request a waiver of penalties and interest for income taxes, withholding taxes, sales taxes, and specialty and excise taxes.

“Communities in the Illinois River Valley continue to be threatened by flooding and the state is committed to doing everything we can to help,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “With the COVID-19 pandemic already impacting everyday life, we strongly urge Illinoisans to take precautions and safely evacuate if necessary and know the state will waive penalties for impacted taxpayers who need more time to file.”

Taxpayers seeking waivers of penalties and interest for taxes should send a brief written explanation of why they cannot timely file or pay to the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR). Taxpayers should provide their full name, account number (if using a Social Security number, include only the last four digits), mailing address, and an estimate of when they believe they can file or pay their taxes.

Requests may be sent electronically to [REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov](mailto:REV.DisasterRelief@illinois.gov) or via postal mail using the address on the return. Taxpayers who mail their request to IDOR should write "Flood - Spring 2020" on the top of the return in red and include their explanation for penalties and interest abatement request.

Property owners who may have been impacted by the flooding in the four declared counties should contact their county Supervisor of Assessments office if they wish to apply for reassessment due to any property damage. The counties covered by the disaster declaration include: Grundy, Morgan, Pike, Scott.

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